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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/839,309
Filing Date	April 23, 2001
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Group Art Unit	2655
Examiner Name	D. Brant
Attorney Docket Number	03500.015311

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

   i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
      (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
   ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
   iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

   i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
   ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
   iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
   iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other Applicants hereby petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated July 16, 2004, by three months, from October 16, 2004, to January 16, 2005. A check in the amount of $1020.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed.

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 _____

   i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
   ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
   iii. ☐ Other _____

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b. ☒ Checks in the amount of $ 790.00 and $ 1020.00 _____ are enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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